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Labor Committee Public Hearing in Support of RB 6502

AAC The Standard Wage for Certain CT Workers

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My name is Malgorzata Majewski, and I work as a cleaner at the UConn Law Center.

I live with my husband and two children in Plainville. Both my husband and I work hard to provide for our family.

My husband is a machinist. It's a good job, but right now, times are tough, and his work has been unsteady.

Fortunately, my job has a regular schedule so we can always depend on my paycheck.

Besides the job security, one of the greatest benefits of my job is the health care coverage for our family. Our two children, Adrian and Patricia, are on my health care plan.

We need our kids to be covered, but for a year, our health care has been at risk, so we've been looking into other options. It's not going to be easy to keep them insured, and my husband and I will not be able to afford health care for ourselves.

Through my husband's job, we can keep our kids covered for about \$300 a month.

My husband and I will have to keep our fingers crossed – because we can't afford the full family coverage which is twice the price.

My family has been readjusting our budget, making sacrifices and living without, and I can understand that the State needs to do the same. But cutting off health care for families like mine, especially as I spend my days helping to keep a state institution running, isn't the way to do it.

We're not being greedy. We're just asking for the basics for our family – job security and health care.

Please, Members of the General Assembly, amend the Standard Wage Law so that my family can depend on the health care coverage we need.